

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-9 remain in the application with claims 1, 5, and 7-9 having been amended hereby and claims 2 and 6 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 5-9 under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs and under 35 USC 101.

Claims 5 and 7-9 have been amended hereby to place the claims in standard method format in which the steps involved in each individual method are set forth using an active verb. Claim 6 has been canceled.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 5-9 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Focsaneanu et al.

In paragraph 7 of the instant Official Action, claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to include claim 2 in its entirety. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Method claims 5 and 7-9 have been amended hereby to include a functional statement or method step corresponding to the structure recited in apparatus claim 2.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1,

5, and 7-9 include the allowable feature relating to transmitting connection bus information when a change of connection bus information is detected.

Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 3-4.


Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby to include allowable subject matter and the cancellation of claims 2 and 6, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance.

The reference cited as of interest has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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